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Halifax Regional Council
April 26, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Bob Nauss, Acting Director Recreation, Tourism & Culture

DATE: April 18, 2005

SUBJECT: Halifax Commons Pavilion

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of May 13, 2003, Item 10.2.1. Council requested an update on the restoration of the Halifax Commons Pavilion.

BACKGROUND

The Pavilion was closed in January 2003 by the Fire Marshall due to many serious fire code violations, i.e. issues with the electrical system and fire alarm system. Upon closure of the facility, HRM received a petition containing over 600 youth signatures which highlighted the importance of having an all ages music venue in the municipality.

DISCUSSION

On August 25, 2004 Mayor Peter Kelly and District 12 Councillor Dawn Sloane officially re-opened the newly renovated Pavilion. The required renovations included a complete upgrade of the electrical system, an upgrade fire alarm system, painting, and other renovations. In addition, the capacity of the building was increased from 100 to 300 maximum patrons. The municipally-owned facility, which operates per the terms of a management agreement with a private operator, provides a venue for local bands and a local gathering place for teenagers of all ages. Average attendance since the re-opening is approximately 125 youth per event.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The capital cost of the renovations totalled \$60,000. Funding for this project was made available through the HRM Capital budget for 04/05.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

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ATTACHMENTS

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